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1. A TEN-MEMBER PRESS DELEGATION FROM THE PRC HAS BEEN TOURING BD ON A GOODWILL MISSION FOR THE PAST ELEVEN DAYS. THE TEAM, WHICH ARRIVED JANUARY 21 AND IS LED BY FAN FA-YUAN, CHIEF EDITOR HSIHUA DAILY, HAS VISITED CHITTAGONG, KHULNA AND MYMENSINGH. THE DELEGATION HAS BEEN LAVISHLY WELCOMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BD GOVERNMENT AND PRESS AND THE CHINESE TEAM HAS BEEN GENEROUS WITH PRAISE FOR ALL THINGS BANGLADESHI. AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, THE DELEGATION HAS REITERATED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH ON THE ISSUE OF FARAKKA. THE CHINESE HAVE CONTINUALLY EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE BANGLADESHI ATTEMPTS "TO RESIST HEGEMONISM" AND "TO PROTECT STATE SOVEREIGNTY." THE PRESS DELEGATION ALSO HAS EXPRESSED APPROVAL FOR THE BDG'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE RURAL
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ECONOMY. AS FAN SAID AT ONE POINT: "WE HAVE LERNT MANY THINGS FROM THEM." THE BANGLADESHIS, ANXIOUS TO RECIPROCATATE THE SUPPORT AND PRAISE, HAVE NOTED THEIR ANCIENT TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CHINESE AND POINTED OUT THE MUTUAL STRUGGLE EACH COUNTRY HAS WAGED AGAINST EXPLOITATION.

2. COMMENT: THE PRESS DELEGATION HAS HAD NO OTHER PURPOSE

THAN TO SPREAD GOODWILL AND THAT THEY HAVE DONE IN LARGE
MEASURE. THE FIRM AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH,
COME JUST AS THE FARAKKA TALKS STALLED HAS GIVEN SOME
CREDENCE TO ZIA'S STATEMENTS THAT BANGLADESH HAS FRIENDS
WHO WILL STAND BY HER.
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